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**Wincanton Rural District Council.**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1939.

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WINCANTON,  
SOMERSET,  
May, 1941.

# TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINCANTON.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you my Annual Report for the year 1939.

## 1.—General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	...	...	64,540
Population (1938)	...	....	15,965
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	...		4,361
Number of families or separate occupiers (1931)			4,385
Rateable Value	..	...	£72,680
Produce of Penny Rate	...	....	£300

## 2.—Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

### BIRTHS.

		Total	Males.	Females.		
Live Births	...	98	126			
		Legitimate	95	121	Birth Rate	15
		Illegitimate	3	5		
Stillbirths	...	4	2			
		Legitimate	4	2	Birth Rate	0.59
		Illegitimate	—	—		

### DEATHS.

Deaths from all causes	185	91	94	Death Rate	12.1
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Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—

(a) from sepsis	...	....	nil.
(b) from other causes	...	...	nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

Legitimate	4.	Illegitimate	0.	Total	4.
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Deaths of Infants under one week	...	...	...	3
„ „ from one to four weeks (inclusive)	...	....	...	0
„ „ from one to six months	...	...	...	1
„ „ from six to twelve months	...	...	...	0

Total 4



Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	..	...	...	nil
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)		...	...	..	nil
„ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)		..	...	...	2

There has not been any excessive mortality during the year.

### 3.—Notifiable Diseases during the year.

DISEASE.				Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	...	...	...	16	16	nil
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	19	18	nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	4	nil	nil
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	15	nil	1
Measles	...	...	...	5	nil	nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	..	..	1	nil	nil
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	1	1	nil
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	27	nil	nil
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	1	nil	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	12	?	8
(a) Respiratory	...	Total		6		8
(b) Non-respiratory	...	Total		6		0

#### *Ophthalmia Neonatorum.*

	Cases.			Vision un- impaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	Notified.	Treated.					
		At home.	In hospital.				
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Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925—

No action taken.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62—

No action taken.

#### 4.—Causes of Sickness.

There were no specially noteworthy causes of Sickness in the District.

#### 5.—Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospital and other Institutions available in the District.

##### A.—Professional Nursing in the Home.

(1) *General*.—There are nine nurses in the district engaged in general district work who are affiliated to the County Nursing Association, and between them they cover practically the whole district.

(2) *For Infectious Diseases*. Some of the cases of infectious diseases were removed to the Isolation Hospital, the remainder were either nursed by their relatives or by nurses obtained from Nursing Homes or Hospitals outside the district.

##### B.—Midwives.

There are eight certified midwives practising in the district.

##### C.—Clinics and Treatment Centres.

In Wincanton there is one Tuberculosis Dispensary provided and staffed by the County Council.

##### D.—Hospitals available for the District.

(1) *Tuberculosis*.—One at Wincanton.

(2) *Fever*.—One at Wincanton, to which the following cases were admitted during the year.

Disease.	Number Admitted.	Number Died.
Scarlet Fever	18	nil
Diphtheria	16	nil
Enteric Fever	1	nil
	—	—
	35	nil
	—	—



- (3) *Other.*—There is one Cottage Hospital at Wincanton, known as the “Wincanton and East Somerset Memorial Hospital,” for the treatment of general, medical and surgical cases.

There is one Cottage Hospital at Templecombe, known as the “Merthyr Guest Memorial Hospital,” for the treatment of general, medical and surgical cases; in addition, there are three wards available for Maternity Cases.

There is a Public Assistance Institution at Wincanton for the aged and infirm under the Public Assistance Committee.

#### **E.—Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children.**

The only Institutions for any of the above are the Public Assistance Institution and Rodber House, Wincanton (for boys only), which are under the control of the Public Assistance Committee.

#### **F.—Ambulance Facilities.**

- (1) *For Infectious Cases.*—A motor ambulance is kept at the Isolation Hospital at Wincanton for the collection and removal of infectious cases.
- (2) *For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.*—A motor ambulance, built, equipped and run by the Wincanton Rural District Council, is kept at Messrs. The Wincanton Transport and Engineering Co., Wincanton, Tel. Wincanton 3262.

### **6.—Laboratory Work.**

Examinations of bacteriological and pathological specimens are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Taunton, and considerable use of this laboratory has been made during the year.

A supply of diphtheria antitoxin is kept at the Isolation Hospital, Wincanton.

There were 8 applications for it in 1939 and 164,000 units were supplied.

### **7—Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.**

There is one Sanitary Inspector and Housing Surveyor, one Assistant Sanitary Inspector and one Temporary Additional Assistant (all whole time officers), a Public Health Inspector and myself (part time officers).

There are also 2 Health Visitors in the District.

### **8.—Water Supplies.**

*Maperton.*—A main extension has been laid to serve three dwelling-houses and agricultural land.

*Milborne Port.*—The work on the new reservoir and main referred to in the last report was completed at the beginning of the year.

*Penselwood*.—Extension of the Penselwood and District Water Scheme work on the location of the various springs and other collection of the water has continued throughout the year. Much of the water so collected has been analysed, found satisfactory and added to supply.

*Charlton Horethorne*.—An additional Spring at the Charlton Horethorne gathering ground was located and added to the Supply. This has had the result of doubling the supply and no shortage is anticipated.

*Shepton Montague*.—A scheme has been prepared for the extension of the service main to serve 2 farms and agricultural land.

*Henstridge*.—A scheme has been prepared for the extension of the main to serve 3 dwelling-houses and agricultural land at Shaftesbury Road.

## 9.—Drainage and Sewerage.

The remodelling of the Castle Cary Works has been commenced and at the end of the year satisfactory progress was being maintained.

### Camping Sites.

No Camping Sites in this District have been registered.

Generally the only cases of Camping which occurred were cases of 2 or 3 days duration.

No special difficulties in connection with Camping are anticipated.

## 10.—Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

### (i) By Local Authority—

With	{ (a) Rehousing under Housing Act 1936	...	...	—
State	{ (b) Overcrowding	...	...	—
Assistance	{ (c) Other	...	...	—
Without State Assistance		...	...	—

### (ii) By other bodies or persons—

(a) With State Assistance	...	...	...	4
(b) Without State Assistance	...	...	...	26



1.—*Housing Inspections :—*

1.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	169
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	362
2.	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	...	32
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	40
	(c) Number of houses in which no action was found necessary	...	...	5
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	65
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	...	99

2. *Housing Action :—*

(a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of <i>informal</i> action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	17
(b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action	....	....	4

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—*

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936—*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	—
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—			
(a) By Owners	...	....	27
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	—

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	...	4
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—			
(a) By Owners	...	...	13
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	—



*C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	—
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	7
(3) (a) Clearance Orders made	...	..	...	...	—
(b) Number of Houses involved		...	...	...	—
(4) Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	...	...	—
(a) Number of houses involved		...	...	...	—
(b) Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	...	3
(c) Number of houses to be demolished			...	...	19

*D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—*

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	..	...	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	—

*4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :—*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	2
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...	2
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	12
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	1
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	6
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	39
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	—
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	...	—

## 11.—Ministry of Health Enquiries.

None.

## 12.—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

### (a) *Milk Supply.*

(1) Number of Producers on the Register	...	...	...	557
(2) Number of Distributors on the Register—				
(a) Distributors who are also Producers		...	...	37
(b) Distributors only	....	...	...	3
(3) Number of Licences granted to Distributors to sell Pasteurised, Graded or Certified Milk	...	...	...	3
(a) Licence to Produce and sell Pasteurised Milk		...	...	—
(b)     ,,             ,,     Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk			...	—

### (b) *Meat Supervision.*

#### SLAUGHTER HOUSES—

Licensed 3.     Registered 16.     Total 19.



### 13.—Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

#### 1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises.  (1)	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
	(2)	(3)	(4)
<u>Factories</u> with mechanical power ....	93	19	—
<u>Factories</u> without mechanical power ...	77	14	—
<u>Other Premises</u> under the Act ... (Other than Outworkers' premises).	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ....	<b>170</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>—</b>

#### 2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars.  (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.  (5)
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—</i>				
Want of cleanliness .. ....	29	25		
Want of ventilation ... ..	1	1		
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—		
Want of drainage of floors ... ..	—	—		
Other nuisances ... ..	—	—		
Sanitary accommodation				
} insufficient .. ....	1	1		
} unsuitable or defective ..	8	1		
} not separate for sexes ...	—	1		
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s.101)				
Other offences ... ..	20	14		
(Excluding offences relating to Homework and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshop Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921) and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937				
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>59</b>	<b>42</b>		

The Report of the Sanitary and Public Health Inspectors are appended.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. E. COULSON,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

COUNCIL OFFICES,  
WINCANTON,

*July 20th, 1940.*

To Dr. T. E. COULSON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,  
Medical Officer of Health,  
WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

SIR,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1939.

The advent of the war overshadowed all else, and this, with the work preparatory to the Evacuation Scheme, has curtailed Housing Work to some extent.

### EVACUATION.

The Council accepted my voluntary services as Chief Billeting Officer, and much time was spent in the preparation of the Scheme, in the reception arrangements, and later in dealing with the many problems arising from the evacuation. The major problems have been the habits and lack of cleanliness of some evacuees and the question of clothing for school children.

About 700 evacuees arrived consisting of school children, teachers and helpers. The children were given a good welcome, and in fact much disappointment was felt in many homes when there were not enough children to go round. When no bombing materialised, and with exaggerated reports of the habits of the children, there came about a distinct change of feeling, so that at the end of the year voluntary billets were hard to find; however, the extension of bombing activities, when it comes, will no doubt restore the goodwill of the householders.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

The usual attention has been given to water supplies. Of 56 samples of public supplies examined, 36 were satisfactory, 18 were fairly satisfactory, and only two were unsatisfactory.

One of the unsatisfactory samples was a new spring at the Rowe Farm Collection Area, and examination showed surface contamination, the source of which was removed, and the water was later found satisfactory. The other bad sample was on the Bruton system, but when no source of pollution could be found the water in the reservoir was examined and found satisfactory.



Despite the additions to the population and the requirements of the Army the supply has been generally sufficient. The pressure of the Castle Cary and District Supply has been somewhat uneven at times, in consequence of an increase of consumption, but efforts to secure an additional supply have not been entirely successful, as the results of a trial borehole have been disappointing.

The provision of an additional reservoir has been postponed.

Complaints of rust in the South Brewham supply have been renewed, and alterations to the mains calculated to minimise further trouble are proposed.

*Private Supplies.*—Of twenty private supplies examined, eleven were satisfactory and six fairly satisfactory. The three unsatisfactory ones were as follows :—

One at Charlton Horethorne, the remedy of which is being discussed with the owners.

One at Penselwood at a house proposed to be re-conditioned ; and

One at Bruham, which it is intended to deal with when the alterations to the mains at South Bruham have been completed.

During the year the public supply has been laid on to 29 new houses.

## SEWERAGE.

*Ansford and Castle Cary.*—The consent of the Ministry to the scheme for sewerage parts of Ansford and the re-modelling of the Castle Cary Works to enable them to take the increased flow has been received, and the work put in hand.

*Henstridge.*—An inspection of the sewage works in January revealed not only many defects, showing that in many aspects the works needed an overhaul, but also a lack of attention in the management due to the fact that the Caretaker had to divide his time between the Sewage Works and the Henstridge Water Supply system. It was decided to record the flow at the Sewage Works, and then to consider the re-conditioning of the works. It subsequently became apparent, however, that this would have to be postponed, if possible, until the conclusion of the war.

The consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for the construction of a sewer extension to Whitchurch has been received and the work has been put in hand.

*Milborne Port.*—The re-modelling of the works has been completed, but the quantity of infiltrating water has put a severe strain on an irrigation area already showing signs of being “sewage sick.” The question of any further work necessary is being discussed by Messrs. A. P. I. Cotterell, the Council’s Engineers, and by Messrs. Lemon & Blizzard, Engineers to the Sherborne Estates, Co., with Messrs. Rideal, Rideal & Sriver, acting as Consulting Chemists. At the request of the latter samples taken at various points at the works were taken during 24 hours, and at the factories during three days.



During the spring a vast increase of infiltration was noted, and following several night investigations the faulty lengths were discovered. The ground was opened and the faults corrected—a difficult and relatively costly operation, rendered the more so by very bad weather. This showed an immediate improvement, but with the onset of winter the normal infiltration recurred. As the complete re-laying of many lengths of sewers cannot be contemplated at the present time, a watch will be kept and improvements made when possible.

*Queen Camel.*—More work necessary to remedy defective work by the Contractor has been carried out, and the scheme is now much nearer completion.

*Stoke Trister.*—The new sewer in Bayford Street was completed, but the question of sewage purification has been deferred.

*Templecombe.*—Certain sewer repairs have been effected, but no progress has been made with the scheme.

## RIVER POLLUTION.

The lack of adequate sewage works in Templecombe and Wincanton has resulted in serious river pollution, and free water supplies have been granted to riparian occupiers affected.

## HOUSING.

Certain data not included in the statutory return are :—

One undertaking not to use was accepted ; three conditional undertakings were accepted, and fifteen houses were vacated following undertakings not to use ; two closing orders were made, and in one case the dwelling house was vacated.

I have omitted the table giving the result of the Five Years Programme, as the position has not greatly altered.

No houses have been found to be infested with bed bugs.

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The result of the vigorous action of the past two years is again shown in improved results this year.

The 30 new houses have been provided with water closets, and in addition 99 water closets have been constructed, 7 as a result of vault closet conversions, 19 as a result of earth closet conversion, and 21 as a result of the provision of flushing apparatus to pan closets.



## HOUSE REFUSE.

The collections of house refuse are :—

Weekly in Bruton and Wincanton.

Fortnightly in Ansford and Castle Cary.

Monthly in Henstridge, Templecombe and Milborne Port.

The methods of disposal are not satisfactory, and generally the methods of storage and collection are also unsatisfactory.

No salvage is attempted.

In addition there are many insanitary dumps of refuse in the district, particularly in parishes where no collection is made.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The disinfection of premises has been carried out after all cases of infectious disease.

Arrangements have continued to be made, where necessary, for the disinfection of bedding at the Isolation Hospital, Wincanton.

## INSPECTIONS.

The total number of inspections during the year was 3247 (excluding evacuation).

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Nine statutory notices dealing with closets and drains have been served this year, and 21, including cases brought forward from 1938, have been complied with.

57 informal notices have been served, and 52 have been complied with.

## MILK SUPPLIES.

There have been improvements in milking conditions and in the condition of premises, but there still remains room for further improvements.

514 samples of milk have been taken with the following results :—

PASTEURISED	...	Satisfactory	5	...	Unsatisfactory	—
TUBERCULIN TESTED		Satisfactory	138	...	Unsatisfactory	34
ACCREDITED	...	Satisfactory	209	...	Unsatisfactory	128

Out of 42 samples taken to denote the presence of Tubercle Bacilli, only two gave positive results.

At the end of the year 40 premises were licensed for T.T. milk production, and 107 premises were licensed for Accredited milk production.

## PLANS, Etc.

136 plans were submitted, of which 131 were approved, 42 referring to new dwelling houses.

Under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act 14 schemes were approved and submitted to the County Council, and 15 houses were completed.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION, Etc.

At the request of Mr. Padfield the Council re-arranged the duties in connection with Meat and Food Inspection, Shop Act and Factory Inspection, and inspection of premises coming within Section 13 and 14 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which latter sections deal with shops and rooms in which food is sold, stored, etc., making provision for cleanliness, repair, washing facilities, etc., in such rooms.

Under this re-arrangement I took over these duties in approximately half of the district and Mr. Padfield retained them in the other half.

Since July 1st, when the change was made, the number of inspections of meat at slaughter houses was 67, but although all of these visits were made at times when notices of slaughtering were in operation, slaughtering was only in progress on 30 occasions.

The results were :—

Examined.			Condemned.		
Oxen		30	Carcases	2 ...	Organs 3
Pigs	...	30	Heads	2 ..	Plucks 2
Sheep	...	23			
Calves	...	273	Carcases	1 ...	Liver 1

All condemned were affected with tuberculosis except the calf liver, which was cirrhotic, and the calf carcase and organs, which were immature.

The general condition of the slaughter houses left much to be desired, and the requirements of the bye-laws were not observed at all times.

## FACTORY ACT, 1937.

Of the premises in the Eastern half of the District to which Section 34 applies, Fire Escape Certificates have been issued in five cases.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. GRAY.



CASTLE CARY,

*January 17th, 1940.*

To T. E. COULSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,

Medical Officer of Health,

WINCANTON.

Sir,

During the past year the Council decided to re-organise certain branches of the Sanitary Inspector's work, and this re-arrangement of their duties came into operation on the 1st day of July last.

Mr. Gray took over all the work under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, the Slaughter of Animals, Act, 1933, and the Shop Act, 1934, for the Eastern side of the Wincanton Rural District, leaving me to deal with these Regulations and Acts, and in addition the Factory Act, 1937, and the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919, at the Western side of the District.

I beg, therefore, to submit my Report as regards the Western Area for the year ended the 31st of December, 1939, as follows :—

### PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

Number of Registered Slaughter Houses	..	...	6
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Number of Licensed Slaughter Houses	...	...	1
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Carcases and portions of carcases of animals found to be unfit for human consumption were condemned and destroyed.

Approximate number of animals slaughtered in these slaughter houses during the year as follows :—

Horned Cattle (other than sheep)	....	....	483
Calves	....	....	77
Sheep	....	....	1353
Pigs	....	....	12076
Total	....	....	13989

The Council's slaughter house Bye-Laws are being generally complied with. Although some of the slaughter houses are in close proximity with dwelling houses, I have not received any complaint of nuisance emanating from either of them.



**SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.**

Number of persons licenced under the Act ... 22

The Humane Killer is used for the rendering unconscious of all animals before sticking takes place. Three demonstrations were held during the year in the district, demonstrating the advantage of rendering calves, sheep and pigs unconscious by electricity, but this method has not been adopted at more than one slaughter house up to the present time.

**SHOPS ACT, 1934.**

Very little action under this Act has been found necessary during the year. New sanitary arrangements have been installed at two shops. One shop has been re-constructed, four shops have been closed, and one new shop has been opened.

**HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS, 1926-38.**

One Certificate of Completion of reconstruction was issued by me during the year. In the case of where a grant of £200 was made by the County Council towards the reconstruction of two cottages (but where the reconstruction was not commenced within the prescribed period), the grant has been withdrawn, and if the owner desires at a latter date to proceed with the work under these Acts, he will have to make a fresh application. I have collected 159 certificates under Section 3 of the 1926 Act from owners of reconstructed houses, and in cases where the prescribed conditions as to rents being charged and the class of persons occupying the houses are not being properly observed, the County Council have taken the matter up with the owners concerned.

**FACTORY ACT, 1937.**

All the Factories and Workshops in the District have been inspected during the past year, and in cases where the provisions of the Act were not being properly observed verbal notices have been given or letters written to the occupiers requesting them to remedy the defects. In the case of an illegal occupation of a basement bakehouse without a certificate of fitness the Council decided not to take further action at the present time. Eight certificates have been issued under Section 34 of the Act as to means of escape in case of fire.

**RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.**

My inspections under this Act have been chiefly confined to the Parish of Queen Camel, where complaints were received from the Parish Council of an abnormal number of rats. 165 premises were visited, and in cases where rats were in evidence the occupiers were advised to take the necessary steps to deal with the menace. National Rat Week was duly observed by placards being posted throughout the district and by Advisory Leaflets issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries being circulated.

**INSPECTION OF FOOD SHOPS.**

During the year I have visited all the shops in the district where foods are sold and inspected the foods on sale. Any foods found not fit for human consumption were destroyed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. J. HAINE PADFIELD,

(Inspector).





